

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF THE NEGRO

WELFARE LEAGUE OF NEW JERSEY FOR

MARCH, 1918.

EMPLOYMENT

Work has been given 58 persons during the month. Placements were made in Newark, Orange, South Orange, and Montclair, and Crome, N. J. Days work, general house work, factories, foundries, a delivery man in a drug store and workers at the Shipyard, placements included. Four skilled laborers were among the number, a riveter, a carpenter, and electrical worker and a driller. Have had many calls for general houseworkers, laborers and also some farm help.

HOUSING

We have had applications from nine families wanting better living quarters. Have referred 4 men to lodging places.

HEALTH

Have reported 8 cases to the Board of Health, and had corrections made. The League is going to co-operate with the North Jersey Medical Society to observe in a very large way Negro Health Week during the week of April 21-27. A letter had been written to Tuskegee Institute asking them for literature on health to distribute and make our program more effective. A reply informs us that this literature will be forwarded very soon.

Arrangements also have been made with the three largest Negro Insurance Companies here and the Department of Child Hygiene to observe a baby show in June. Again plans are being made with the Mayor's Committee on National Defense to hold a series of food conservation lectures in three or four of our colored churches during the month of May.

RECREATION

The Belmont Avenue School is to open again April 5th as a social center for colored people. Red Cross still meeting successfully in Rooms at 18 Central Avenue.

CASES

Thirty-seven cases for help, advice, etc., have come to our

attention during the month. Twenty more direct to the office, seventeen by the Friendly Visitors. Friendly Visitors have held two meetings, attended by sixteen persons.

They have made 38 visits. In dealing with families and individuals this month they have been very encouragingly successful. This is especially true of the Friendly Visitors cases. Some of the cases were the transportation of one family to Abbeville, Ala. (2) an attempt to get money to place an old woman in the Old Folks home. (3) Trying to get an employer to use Clemency toward an employee whom he had caught doing a dishonest act. We tried this because the man had a wife and a child three weeks old and his sentence was 18 months in Caldwell. We were successful in getting one large industrial concern to bury one of its dead employees. A respectable funeral was given him. We took up a matter of a liberty loan purchased by two men who had bought them at a plant at which they worked, understanding when purchasing them that they would have their money refunded or could have the bond transferred in event that they quit. They quit and the firm would not refund the money so they came to us. Many other cases of advice and help have come to us.

One of our Friendly Visitors is assisting in the Department of Child Hygiene. Two go regularly to the Hospitals and visit the sick and follow up patients in their homes.

Big Brothers have been having a series of lectures on toys given by Mr. Ross and Mr. Gates of the City Wide Community Boy's Work.

Co-Operation.

With the Bureau of Associated Charities, Red Cross, City Wide Community Boy's Work, Children's Aid Society, W. J. Sunday School Superintendent's Association, Board of Health, National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. Board of Education, Mayor's Committee on National Defense.